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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA AND PARAGUAY SIGN TWO AGREEMENTS

REF: PRETORIA 1343; ASUNCION 1308

1. ON APRIL 3, DURING COURSE OF STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER OF PARAGUAY, SA AND PARAGUAY SIGNED TWO AGREEMENTS COVERING ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION.

2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INVESTMENT ESTABLISHES "FIRM BASIS FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION...AND THE EXPANSION OF THIS COOPERATION TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVELS." UNSPECIFIED "APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THEIR COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL POLICIES" WILL BE TAKEN TO PROMOTE RESPECTIVE PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. UNCONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORT STATES SAG STUDYING RAND 13 MILLION

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(19.5 MILLION DOLLARS) CREDIT FOR PARAGUAYAN AGRICULTURAL

DEVELOPMENT.

3. SECOND AGREEMENT COVERS CULTURAL EXCHANGES, COOPERATION IN FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND VISITS BY EXPERTS, AND VISITS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS OF A CULTURAL NATURE.

4. DFA DEPUTY SOUTH AMERICA DESK OFFICER, J.G.J. VAN RENSBURG, TOLD EMBOFF THAT AGREEMENTS, WHICH ARE EXPRESSED IN BROAD TERMS, WILL BE FLESHED OUT DURING SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS. VAN RENSBURG STATED THAT SAG WILL GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO AID REQUESTS, EITHER LOANS OR PRIVATE INVESTMENT. HE SAID SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WOULD PROBABLY FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE, MINING AND MEDICINE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PARAGUAY WOULD BENEFIT MORE FROM AGREEMENTS THAN SOUTH AFRICA.

5. SA AMBASSADOR IN MONTIVIDEO CURRENTLY ACCREDITED ON NON-RESIDENT BASIS TO ASUNCION. VAN RENSBURG STATED NO PLANS AT PRESENT TO SEND RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO ASUNCION, BUT SUCH ACTION MIGHT BE CONSIDERED.

6. UNDER SA LAW, ECONOMIC AGREEMENT MUST BE PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND VAN RENSBURG EXPECTS THAT CULTURAL AGREEMENT WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED. TEXTS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT AND ASUNCION WHEN AVAILABLE.
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